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SUBJ: SOVIET MESSAGE TO NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS

REF: PEKING 656

1. YUGOSLAV EMBASSY COUNSELOR TOLD USLO OFFICER MARCH 14 THAT VICE FOREIGN MINISTER YU CHAN HAD CALLED IN SOVIET AMBASSADOR TOLSTIKOV TO GIVE CHINESE ANSWER TO MESSAGE FROM SUPREME SOVIET TO NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS. YU CHAN SUPPOSEDLY SAID THAT APPROACHES ADVOCATED BY TWO SIDES FOR SOLUTION OF BORDER DIFFICULTIES REMAINED QUITE DIFFERENT. THIS DID NOT MEAN, HOWEVER, THAT PROGRESS COULD NOT BE MADE IN STATE-TO-STATE RELATIONS TAKING SMALLER STEPS IN AREAS NOT CONNECTED WITH BASIC DISAGREEMENT.

2. COMMENT: THIS ACCOUNT OF THE YU-TOLSTIKOV MEETING WAS PROVIDED YUGOSLAV BY SOVIET COUNSELOR TURCHAK, A FREQUENT SOURCE OF DISINFORMATION IN PEKING. NEVERTHELESS, WE NOTE THAT FOR FIRST TIME SINCE CULTURAL REVOLUTION PERSONAL CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES FROM SOVIET STATE LEADERS HAVE
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